

Chevy Chase Village

Permitting and Code Enforcement Activity October 2010

In addition to new permits issued the following activity occurred during the month of October:

Queries:

We received approximately 114 calls from residents or contractors requesting information regarding:

- what work requires a permit and what types of permits are required.
- general assistance with the permitting process.

Walk-Ins:

We had approximately 65 people come in for assistance with building permits. This included questions about the permitting process, requests for applications, requests for plats, review of applications and issuance of permits.

Enforcement Issues:

Calls from residents or routine patrols triggered the following enforcement issues:

- storm water management and run off being exacerbated by work on an adjoining property.
- unscreened Porta-John (2 instances).
- unpermitted dumpster.
- follow up by Village staff to ensure work was performed per the Board's decision (2 instances).

Each of these issues initiated visits to the address and/or follow up procedures by staff intended to help residents or their contractors bring their project into compliance.

Tree Related Activity:

In addition to tree protection measures required by the Village permitting process, we received requests for tree related information including:

- requests for tree protection plans related to construction projects.
- tree inspections for trees in the Village right of way.
- tree removal requests.
- tree inspections on private property.
- concerns regarding trees and wires.
- unauthorized tree removal.
- egregious pruning by unlicensed workers.

License to use the Public Right-of-Way:

We executed three licenses to use the right of way:

- 4 Quincy Street: install lead walk to the curb.
- 7 West Kirke Street: install wood fencing, trees and other shrubbery and plantings
- 7 West Kirke Street: install a wood picket fence into the Laurel

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